

**OPINION 2129** (Case 3286)***Thinobius crinifer* Smetana, 1959 (Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the specific name *Thinobius crinifer* Smetana, 1959 is conserved for a widespread Palaearctic species of rove beetle (family STAPHYLINIDAE). The name was threatened by a largely unused senior synonym *Thinobius wenckeri* Fauvel, 1863 and three other senior names.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that the following names are suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:
  - (a) *tardus* Notman, 1921, as published in the binomen *Thinobius tardus*;
  - (b) *amphibius* Notman, 1921, as published in the binomen *Thinobius amphibius*;
  - (c) *grandicollis* Notman, 1921, as published in the binomen *Thinobius grandicollis*.
- (2) The name *crinifer* Smetana, 1959, as published in the binomen *Thinobius crinifer*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *tardus* Notman, 1921, as published in the binomen *Thinobius tardus* and as suppressed in (1)(a) above;
  - (b) *amphibius* Notman, 1921, as published in the binomen *Thinobius amphibius* and as suppressed in (1)(b) above;
  - (c) *grandicollis* Notman, 1921, as published in the binomen *Thinobius grandicollis* and as suppressed in (1)(c) above;
  - (d) *wenckeri* Fauvel, 1863, as published in the binomen *Thinobius wenckeri* (a nomen oblitum).

**History of Case 3286**

An application to conserve the specific name *Thinobius crinifer* Smetana, 1959 for a widespread Palaearctic species of rove beetle (family STAPHYLINIDAE) was received from Michael Schülke (*Rue Ambroise Paré 11, D-13405 Berlin, Germany*) on 13 May 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 60: 287–289 (December 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

On 1 March 2005 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 60: 288. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2005 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 14: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Fortey, Halliday, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson and van Tol.

Negative votes — 3: Calder, Minelli and Rosenberg.

No votes were received from Böhme, Kerzhner, Ng, Štys and Song.

Bouchet commented that he was voting for the proposals on the assumption that Schülke & Makranczy (2003, pp. 211–223) had provided the 25 references needed to satisfy Article 23.9 of the Code and declared *Thinobius crinifer* Smetana, 1959 a nomen protectum (and *T. wenckeri* Fauvel a nomen oblitum). His understanding of Article 23.9 is that providing the references is necessary to ‘give evidence’ in the sense of the Code, and not merely to declare that the conditions of Article 23.9 are met. Reversal of precedence should be a verifiable and falsifiable nomenclatural act.

Voting against, Calder commented that he would have supported giving precedence to the name *Thinobius crinifer* Smetana, 1959 over its three little-used senior subjective synonyms, but opposed the suppression of those names and their relegation to the Official Index.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*amphibius*, *Thinobius*, Notman, 1921, *Journal of the New York Entomological Society*, **29**(3–4): 149.

*crinifer*, *Thinobius*, Smetana, 1959, *Časopis Československé Společnosti Entomologické*, **56**(3): 271.

*grandicollis*, *Thinobius*, Notman, 1921, *Journal of the New York Entomological Society*, **29**(3–4): 150.

*tardus*, *Thinobius*, Notman, 1921, *Journal of the New York Entomological Society*, **29**(3–4): 149.

*wenckeri*, *Thinobius*, Fauvel, 1863, *Catalogue des Coléoptères de France et matériaux pour servir à la faune des Coléoptères français*, p. 41.